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Block Quotes

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

-- Columnist Amna Al-Mosawi editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai under the title "Two Hot Wars Are More Than Enough" (02/20):

"The American thief is deaf. This is evident by his ignoring the Baker-Hamilton report, which recommended dialogue with Tehran and Damascus in order to reach an honorable solution to the Iraq crisis and that of the Middle East."

-- Walid Al-Ahmad contended in moderate Arabic daily Al-Anbaa under the title "The Russian Bear Awakens" (02/20):

"Apparently, the Russian President has had enough of the continuing American marginalization of Russia in international politics. He finally shot off a high-caliber surprise last week in Germany."

-- Under the title "Hamas' Election at the Right Time to Save the Palestinian Cause" Dr. Saud Al-Shammari penned in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan (02/20):

"The world, under the leadership of the United States, is pressuring Fatah to carry out a coup against the Palestinian Government represented by Hamas as they watch the desecration and destruction of the Al-Aqsa mosque by the Zionist entity without objection, condemnation, or shame."

-- Managing Editor of the moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Ali Al-Roz commented under the title "Has Death Seen Drunkards Like Us?" (02/20):

"Yesterday saw the joy of Arab 'revolutionaries' who were successful in responding to the Iraqi government's claim that the security plan for Baghdad was a success after just three days of its implementation. To prove that the 'suiciders' are watching everything, they set off two explosions that killed nearly 70 innocent civilians who were guilty of shopping or working."

-- In moderate Arabic daily Al-Anbaa Yousef Ql-Rashed held under the title "Not Security Alone" that (02/20):

"Horror is still dominating the streets of Iraq. Every person walking by is a potential suicide bomber.... Iraqi officials should reconsider their security plan, which today enters its second week and still burdened with fear of failure."

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